1	2	3	4	5	6
14	Maharashtra	42467	31541	1140	9786
15	North East I				0
	Meghalaya	5555	1633		3922
	Mizoram	708	603		105
	Tripura	862	748		114
16	North-East II				0
	Arunachal Pradesh	3389	711		2678
	Manipur	2439	751		1688
	Nagaland	1192	803		389
17	Orissa	46989	40314		6675
18	Pujab	12687	12687	734*	0
19	Rajasthan	39483	23858	693	14932
20	Tamil Nadu	17899	17899		0
21	Uttar Pradesh	103396	97123		6273
22	Uttaranchal	15610	11596		4014
23	West Bengal	38347	37369		978
24	Sikkim	427	374		53
25	Delhi	191	191		0
	Total	607491	503610	6389	97453

* In Punjab all the Villages covered are replacement only

\# 39 Villages in Haryana are de-populated

Expansion and development of communication Sector

†209. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been expansion and development in the field of communications in the country as per fixed targets during the last five years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, Governments' reactions in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of people got employment through service and industry in the field of communications; and

(d) if so, the number of people who were working in service sector and industry (construction) sector under communications sector till December, 2002 and the number of people employed in private sector, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b)The overall expansion and development during the last five years in the country had been extraordinary except the achievements of VPTs (Village Public Telephone) due to non-availability of appropriate resources.

(c) It is a fact that the growth in the communications Sector has resulted in direct as well as indirect growth of employment potentials.

(d) The total staff employed in the Government sector both (Service & PSUs) as on 31.12.2002 in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is 3,52,751, in addition to this 7,56,638 no. of PCOs (Public Call Office) have been provided during the last 5 years. Majority of these have given on franchisees basis. This has generated very large employment opportunities in the service sector. In Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited the total Number of staff is 58,343 as on 31.12.2002. The man power of Indian Telephone Industry Ltd. is 19,782 as on 31.01.03. So far as private sector is concerned, the number of persons employed in IT enabled services has been estimated as over one lakh. Information for other private sector employment is not maintained.

Operation of Telecom Department in Kashmir

210. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Central Government Departments